

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 15-16, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 15, line 5, to page 16, line 19, replace the paragraph with:

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Laundry liquid wastes are supplied from a laundry liquid wastes supply pipeline 36 into the liquid waste heating vessel 16. The laundry liquid wastes contain surface active agents, as well as reaction products of the surface active agents and organic precipitation component such as dirt. When the valve 24 is opened, hydrogen peroxide is supplied from the hydrogen peroxide tank 22 to the liquid waste heating vessel 16. When the valve 27 is opened, the alkali solution is supplied from the alkali solution tank 25 to the liquid waste heating vessel 16. In this embodiment, an aqueous NaOH solution is used as the alkali solution. An aqueous solution of an alkali metal hydroxide such as KOH, LiOH, RbOH or CsOH may also be used in addition to the aqueous solution of NaOH. pH of the laundry liquid wastes is adjusted to 7 or higher by addition of the alkali solution. The laundry liquid wastes containing hydrogen peroxide and the alkali solution are heated to a predetermined temperature of 50°C by the heating device 4. Temperature of the laundry liquid wastes in the liquid waste heating vessel 16 is measured by a thermometer 5. A temperature controller 37 controls current flowing to the heating device 4 based on the temperature measured by the

thermometer 5 to control the temperature of the laundry liquid wastes in the liquid waste heating vessel 16 to the predetermined temperature. When the valve 34 is opened and the liquid waste circulation pump 9 is operated, heated laundry liquid wastes are supplied together with hydrogen peroxide and alkali solution through the pipeline 19 to the top of the aeration vessel 2A. When the valve 35 is opened, ozone is supplied from the ozone generator 1 through the pipeline 28 and from the ozone gas discharge port 3A to the bottom of the aeration vessel 2A. The laundry liquid wastes flow from the top to the bottom of the aeration vessel 2A while ozone flows from the bottom to the top of the aeration vessel 2A. The motor 21 for the bubble breaking device ~~22~~12 is driven to rotate the stirring blade 20 and break bubbles of ozone discharged from the ozone gas discharge port 3A. The laundry liquid wastes and ozone are substantially in a counter-current contact in the aeration vessel 2A.
